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Entitled:	SCREENING METHODS FOR PRESQUALENE DIPHOSPHATE ANALOGS	

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please replace the title with the following rewritten title:

- - SCREENING METHODS FOR PRESQUALENE DIPHOSPHATE ANALOGS- -

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- -This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/793,005, filed

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Please replace the paragraph on page 38, beginning at line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - *IV.* *EXAMPLES* - -

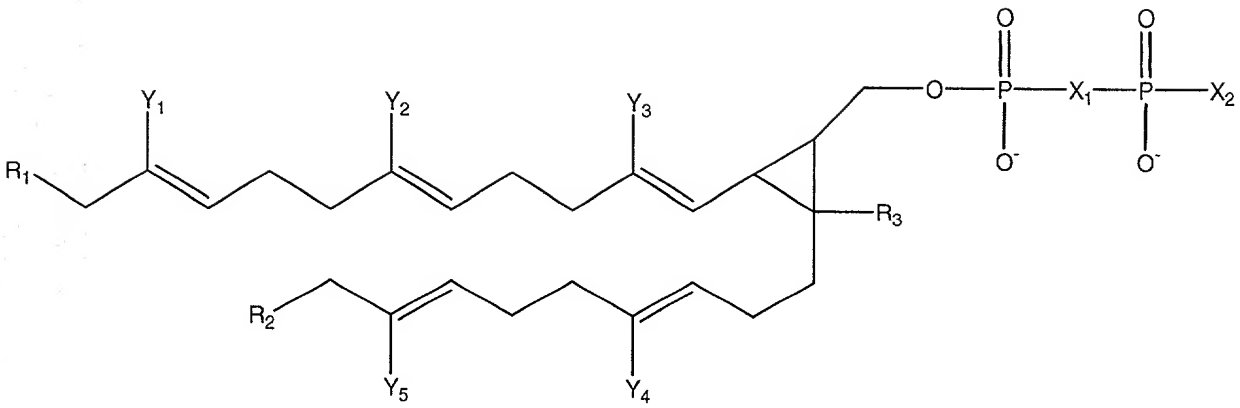
IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2-31.

Add the following claims:

33. (New) A method for modulating generation of an active oxygen species in a subject, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of farnesyl dipohsphate, presqualene diphosphate, farnesyl monophosphate, presqualene monophosphate or a presqualene diphosphate analog.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the presqualene diphosphate analog is represented by one of the formulae (Formulas I and II):



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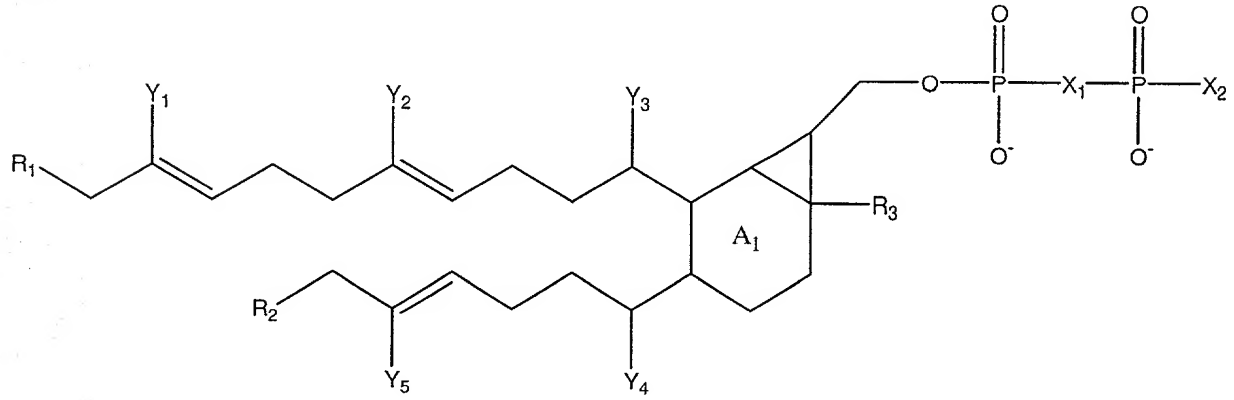

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wherein R_1, R_2 and R_3 are each independently, a hydrogen atom, F, Cl, Br, I, CH_3 or substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl or heteroaryl groups;

wherein Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4, and Y_5 are each independently hydrogen atoms or lower alkyl groups;

wherein X_1 is an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, an N=N group, a methylene or, NR_5, wherein R_5 is a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl, aryl,

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wherein A_1 is a nonaromatic carbocyclic group or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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37. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein the generation of the active oxygen species results from activation of leukocytes.

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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 33 through 40 are pending.

Support for new claims 33 through 40 can be found in the claims as originally filed in parent applications 08/832,952; 09/055,592; 09/539,591; and 09/736,005 and throughout the specification, more specifically at page 44, lines 11 through 25.

No new subject matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Marked-up Version Showing Changes**."

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment and remarks, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (612) 340-8819.

Respectfully submitted,

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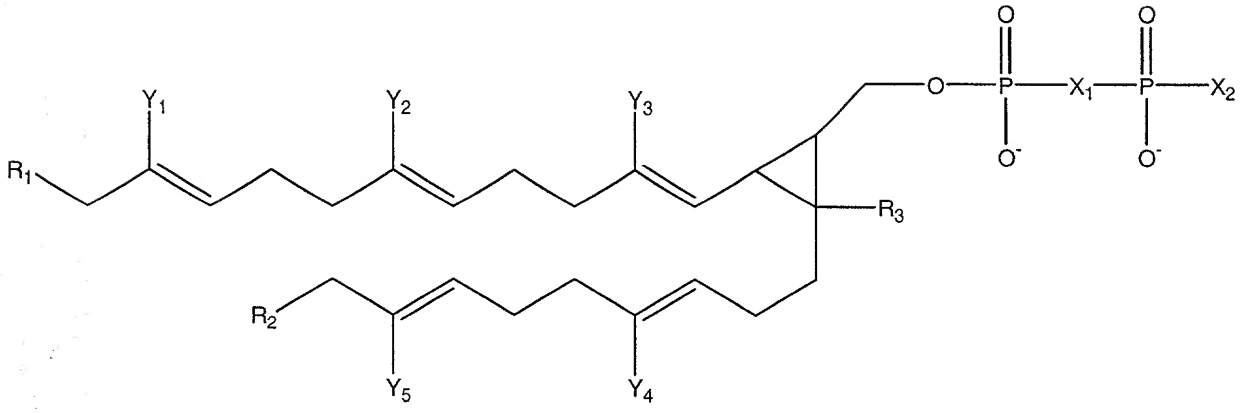

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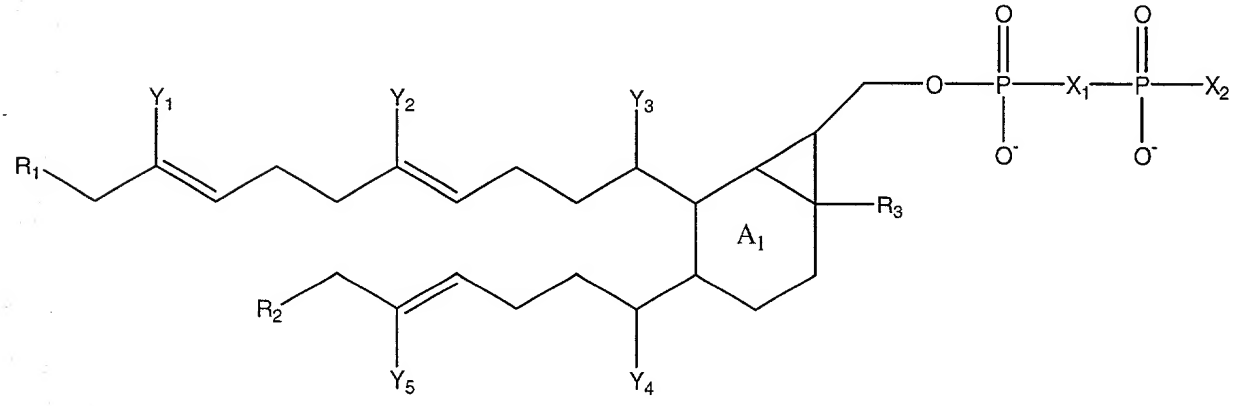

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